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CORNELL TEACHER SPIED FOR SOVIET

Tells U.S. She Kept Eye on
Visiting Russian Artists

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)

An American teacher has reported to the Justice Department that she furnished information to Soviet agents about Russian artists touring the United States and about Americans who might try to get them to defect.

Files made available today by the Justice Department identified her as Miss Natalie Anna Bienstock, years old, 28, now a graduate student and Russian language teacher at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

A Justice official said that no action was contemplated against Miss Bienstock because she had voluntarily told the Federal Bureau of Investigation about her activities.

They began in Moscow March 9, 1962, and ended, according to her sworn statements, in February, 1963.

The Justice files include several completed and sworn forms Miss Bienstock filled out Oct. 11 this year setting forth her connection with the Soviet espionage network.

In the documents, she did not explain how she had become involved with the Russians.

But she did note that she visited Moscow at the end of 1959 and again in February and March, 1962, while employed by Huron Attractions, Inc. The company was then arranging for the visits of Russian artists to the United States under the United States-Russian cultural exchange agreements.

Miss Bienstock said in her statement that she received all her instructions and training at the Hotel Ukraine in Moscow

on March 9, 1962, at a meeting with Viktor Petrovich Sorine. She described him as "a representative of the Committee for State Security of the U.S.S.R."

She said Mr. Sorine had showed her how to produce invisible writing, which could later be made visible, by using a silver nitrate solution.

Miss Bienstock said she had been instructed to report to a Leo Sorokine by this secret writing method at 680 Park Avenue, New York City. She said that she had sent him about seven secret letters but had never talked to him or met him.

During this period, Miss Bienstock was traveling with or concerned with several touring Russian groups, including the Kirov Ballet.

Miss Bienstock said that she had secretly given Mr. Sorokine the names of at least two FBI agents, an employee of the Central Intelligence Agency and several others connected with the State Department.

Miss Bienstock said she had been born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and was naturalized as a United States citizen in November, 1945, at Boulder, Colo. She said she had received no compensation from the Russians.

Cornell Orders Inquiry

A spokesman for Cornell University said yesterday that Cornell's president, James A. Perkins, had ordered an investigation into Miss Bienstock's activities on the recommendation of the faculty committee on academic freedom and tenure.

Miss Bienstock is a graduate student in Russian literature, and has also been teaching elementary Russian language at Cornell. She has asked to be assigned to nonteaching duties until the investigation has been completed, and the request has been granted, the spokesman said.

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